

Supreme Court Announces Formation of Committee to Review the Lawyer Discipline System

The Minnesota Supreme Court is pleased to announce the formation of the Advisory Committee to Review the Lawyer Discipline System. Chaired by Minneapolis attorney Allen Saeks, the 19-person committee is made up of a diverse group of lawyers, judges, and public members. The Supreme Court, which established similar committees in 1985 and 1995, has charged the committee to “review and assess the process, procedures, and operations of the Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board and the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility in administering the attorney discipline system in Minnesota and to report its findings and make recommendations for improvements it deems advisable.” The committee is to report its findings on or before April 30, 2008.

The committee is interested in hearing from members of the bench, bar and the public who have suggestions for improving the lawyer discipline system. It is likely the committee will conduct a public forum as it proceeds with its work but comments, concerns, and suggestions may be emailed at any time to mjcappelleclerkofcourt@courts.state.mn.us